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1. In August 1954, the Soviets carried out combined Army, Navy, and Air Force maneuvers on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Riga. At the beginning of August, during the night, motorized infantry, tanks, artillery, ambulances, field kitchens, and other units moved along the Riga-Tallinn highway toward Skulte. A few nights after the movement of the troops, firing from artillery could be heard from the direction of the shore during the night.
2. During the night of 7-8 August 1954, it was observed that the shore between Saulkrasti and Skulte was illuminated by very bright searchlights from the direction of Lilaste.
3. On 23 August, the following were observed along the Riga-Tallinn highway:

a. Camp site

In the woods on both sides of the highway at a point 55-57 kilometers from Riga there were military vehicles guns, mortars, field kitchens and ambulances. Tents could be seen deeper in the woods. At the time of observation the troops were breaking camp, and it appeared that they were preparing to move along the Riga-Tallinn highway in the direction of Tallinn.

b. Vehicles

- 1) Two types of heavy military vehicles, GAZ-63 and GAZ-51

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- 2) A light field car (jeep?), type GAZ-67
- 3) A vehicle with a ZIS-150 chassis and a big wooden box instead of the usual body.

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- 4) A motorcycle with sidecar [redacted] 25X1
- 5) Some medium tanks and armored transport could be seen deeper in the woods [redacted] 25X1

c. Arms

- 1) Several guns covered with tarpaulins were in the woods near the road. From the length of barrel and low profile, they were judged to be antitank guns of various calibers. There were also several others which were either small caliber field pieces or large caliber machine guns, likewise covered with tarpaulins, large caliber mortars with a base approximately two meters in diameter, and various other weapons which could not be identified because they were under tarpaulins.
 - 2) Instead of the usual rifle, some of the men had a personal weapon similar to the Soviet automatic FFSH.
4. It was noted that some of the enlisted men spoke Latvian.
5. On 25 August, observation showed that all the troops and weapons had gone, and that there was nothing further to be seen in the area.
6. Many servicemen of all branches of service can always be seen on the streets of Riga, but, since the end of the war, large troop concentrations have never moved through Riga or any other large Latvian town. Soviet troops move mostly by night, and by-pass the larger towns.
7. [redacted] 25X1
8. Large Soviet warships do not enter the port of Riga. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] they usually remain at anchor in the Bolderaja-Daugavgriva area, and it is not possible to get near them. 25X1
9. In the middle of August [redacted] there were Soviet warships at anchor along the shore of the Gulf of Riga. 25X1
10. On 19 August, [redacted] there were 10 Soviet warships approximately two to three kilometers north of Ragaciems. Three of them had two funnels, and the remainder looked like minesweepers. In addition, there was an unusual looking barge with several masts (see sketch No. 1 on page 3). 25X1
11. At the beginning of August, it was noted that there was air activity at night above the town of Riga and over the Gulf of Riga. Aircraft could be heard flying overhead, and antiaircraft artillery could be heard firing.
12. The camp of the so-called Latvian Corps is located in the former parish of Adazi, on the right bank of the River Gauja. It extends downstream from a point opposite the parish building to the Riga-Tallinn highway (see sketch No. 2 on page 3). A light wooden bridge for vehicular traffic has been built across the Gauja near the parish building. The width of the bridge is approximately five meters, and it has a capacity of about six tons. Civilians are not permitted to use this bridge.

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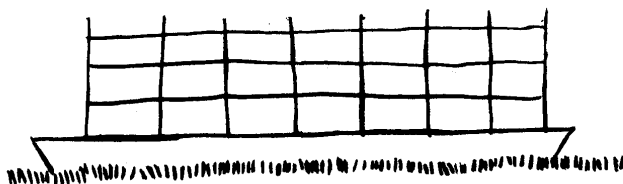
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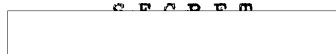
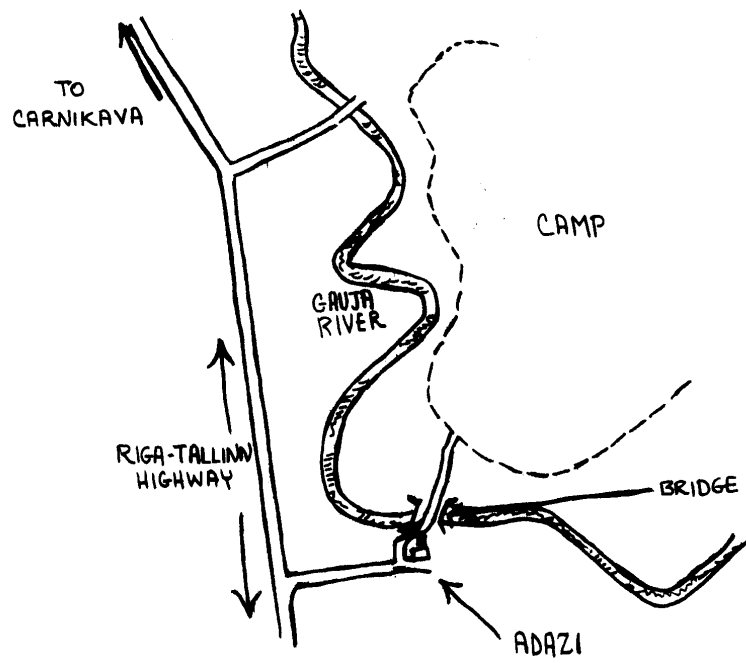
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SKETCH NO. 1
BARGE WITH MULTIPLE MASTS



SKETCH NO. 2
LOCATION OF LATVIAN CORPS CAMP



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